

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph at page 1, after the heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following paragraph:

This ~~application~~ is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. number 10/053,326 filed on January 17, 2002, now abandoned, which is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/499,717 filed on February 8, 2000, now abandoned, which claims the priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-030429 filed on February 8, 1999, the entire disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.